

RM 9267

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To: A4.A4 (SSEGAL)
Date: 5/21/98 9:43am
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

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Kevin Hansen (kevinhansen@usa.net) writes:

This note is in response to RM9267. I would only ask that the FCC not reallocate any of the bands used amateur radio. Please do not submit to the demands of the LMCC. Amateur radio provides service to this country instead of pursuing monetary gain. Thank you for your time. Kevin R. Hansen "KC7VQQ"

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To: fccinfo@fcc.gov
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Date: Thur 21 May, 1998

Gentlemen,

It is my understanding that this new rule is yet another attempt of the private sector to obtain more frequencies at the expense of the Amateur Radio allotments. I have been Commercially licensed since 1974 and obtained my Amateur license in 1961.

Please consider that the amateur frequencies are public property and a non-renewable resource. Having the private sector obtain these frequencies will only solve their problems short term. They need to put their efforts into more efficient use of the spectrum they already have.

The UHF frequencies are used by thousands of amateur radio stations as links to satellites, TV transmitters, and repeaters.

Please tell the private sector to look to the channels that are currently under used by their own kind. I would also suggest they look at developing better technology to allow more operational channels because that's the real solution. When all the frequencies are gone, that's where they will find themselves anyway.

Sincerely,

Frederick W. Franz
WA6VHB

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Robert Bruce Bennett (Bruce@marinternet.com) writes:

As a ham operator for more than 30 years
I wish to voice my strenuous objection to the situation with the "Brother"
Stair pirate broadcasts on 3,945 kHz.
This individual is one of the most contemptible "evangelists" I have ever
heard on the airwaves and he represents
a new low in dogma and intolerance. I am writing to ask that the FCC and any
other appropriate agency put pressure on
the German government for the purpose of eliminating the interference which
has been reported on the 75 meter ham band
his broadcasts. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Bruce Bennett AL7LT/W6

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May 15, 1998
Office of the Secretary,
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REF: RM-9267

Sirs:

It has come to my attention the Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) is seeking primary status for two thirds of the Amateur Radio 420 to 450 MHz band. I believe the approval of this petition would serve only their private interests while sharply reducing the availability of frequencies for current and future emergency amateur radio communications links.

In some way every spectrum of frequencies allocated to amateurs plays a particular role in the art of communications. The 420 to 450 Mhz band lends itself to a variety of applications. Among these are experimental self training projects, packet relay systems, radio repeaters, control links and communication links between systems in other amateur bands.

Aside from the record of amateur public service, past precedence implies that primary status in amateur bands be returned to amateurs when the military need is ended. I have in mind the restoration after WWII, which I will make reference to by an entry in my fathers station log in a moment.

I have held my Amateur license since 1953 as a teenager. The first emergency communication I encountered was that of a radio amateur driving through the Columbia River Gorge from eastern Oregon to transport a lady of six months pregnancy to a Portland hospital after she had fallen down a flight of stairs and was suffering abdominal pains. On request that I call ahead to alert the hospital emergency room it was discovered this hospital had no facilities of the kind that may be needed in this case. I was instructed to redirect the driver to another hospital and did so. However sustained contact with the driver required many repeated transmissions because the incident took place in one of the amateur HF bands not suited to reliable communication in a situation as this.

While in the US Army in 1962 I established and operated the Military Affiliated Radio System (MARS) amateur radio station at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii under direction of commanding General W. D. Graham. This HF system provided regular, reliable communications throughout the Pacific islands and between Hawaii and the mainland US. The record of services to military and civilian provided by that facility is evidenced in three letters of commendation.

In later years, through the self training provided by having an amateur license, designing and building much of my own equipment, I eventually obtained an FCC commercial license. I am currently employed by a national telecommunications company where, during an eight year assignment in Anacortes, Washington, I was district engineer in charge of maintenance of the Coast Guard Puget Sound Vessel traffic control and NAVY Trident communication systems.

Currently, I and an amateur radio partner, Mr. Fred Allman, operate an amateur radio 440 MHz repeater and remote base link system in the Columbia River Gorge on the border of Oregon and Washington. Aside from providing

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communications through the Gorge, this system is positioned at the highest point of the Cascade Mountains in the Gorge, and is equipped with links that allow extended communications to other repeaters on both sides of the Cascade range east-west barrier in either state. In our last two statewide flood emergencies of 1995 and of 1996 this system provided continuous means of communication when the Columbia Gorge was closed due to slides across I-84 and commercial telephone circuits were overloaded or completely down. In one case, arrangements for emergency transportation to three different Portland hospitals for seven critical dialysis patients being flown over the Cascades by helicopter from eastern Oregon areas, was among routines handled by myself and other operators during these disasters.

My father's amateur radio station (W7COB) logbook contains a note penciled at the top of page 16 on the date of December 7, 1941. It says: "Japan attacks U.S." On that page he copied a bulletin sent to all amateurs from the American Radio Relay League which reads, in part:

"By order of the FCC all amateur Radio operations in the continental United States, its territories and possessions is hereby prohibited until further notice except for stations specifically authorized by Federal, State and Municipal authority in connection with emergency matters."

He thereafter served as a Chief Radioman in the U.S. Coast Guard until after the war was ended. His next station log entry was April 1, 1946 when, after the amateur service was restored he continued operations.

My references here are but a few among thousands of radio amateurs who's interest has directly served our country, our communities, our employers, contributed to advancements in technology, and who's careers as productive citizens were inspired through the privileged means of holding an amateur radio license and having the frequency bands necessary to carrying on that activity.

To allow existing 440 Mhz operations to continue, and to assure sufficient available frequencies for future growth of amateur radio systems, I urge that the precedence of restoring these frequencies to amateur radio as exemplified after WWII be followed and that, as necessary to permit this natural restoration to occur, the LMCC petition referenced as RM-9267 be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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